

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 68

By Bell

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Kiwanis International upon the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, the first Kiwanis club was organized in Detroit, Michigan, and the group received a charter from the state of Michigan on January 21, 1915; and

WHEREAS, the first clubs were organized to promote the exchange of business among the members; however, even before the Detroit club received its state charter, the members were distributing Christmas baskets to the poor. After much deliberation between those who supported community service as the Kiwanis mission and those who supported the exchange of business, the service advocates won the debate in 1919; and

WHEREAS, Kiwanis became international with the organization of the Kiwanis club of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, in 1916. Kiwanis limited its membership to the United States and Canada until 1962, when worldwide expansion was approved, and since then, Kiwanis has spread to all inhabited continents of the globe; and

WHEREAS, the six permanent objectives of Kiwanis International were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 convention in Denver, Colorado, and through the years, they have remained unchanged. The objectives are to give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life; to encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships; to promote the adoption and the application of high social, business, and professional standards; to develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship; to provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means of forming enduring friendships, rendering altruistic service, and building better communities; and to cooperate in

creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill; and

WHEREAS, the key aspects to operating an effective club include evaluating both children's issues and community needs on an ongoing basis, conducting service projects to respond to those identified needs, and maintaining an active membership roster of professional business people who have both the desire and the ability to serve their community; and

WHEREAS, a typical Kiwanis club is a snapshot of its community, with members from all walks of life and at every step of the career ladder; they are unified in their belief that children and their communities benefit from the efforts of a proficient group of caring and involved volunteers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and congratulate Kiwanis clubs throughout the great State of Tennessee for 100 years of continuing service and support of programs that are particularly oriented toward benefiting children, and we wish Kiwanis club members success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation and transmitted to the Kiwanis Kentucky-Tennessee District Office, 1035 Strader Drive, Suite 150-1, Lexington, Kentucky 40505, with this final clause omitted from such copy.